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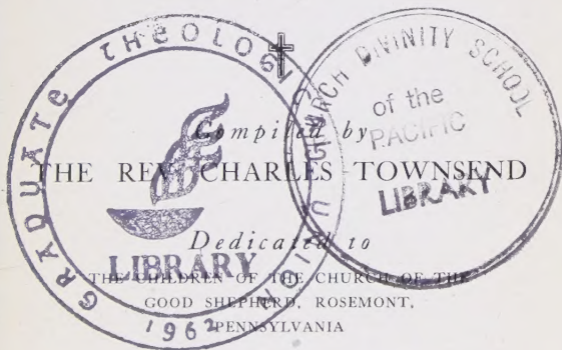


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THE LORD'S SERVICE

FOR THE LORD'S CHILDREN

BEING A METHOD OF ASSISTING AT THE
CENTRAL ACT OF CHRISTIAN
WORSHIP, THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST



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THE INSTRUCTION.

THE Celebration of the Holy Communion, the Holy Eucharist, is the great Christian Sacrifice, instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ in the night in which He was betrayed, to be a perpetual memorial of His Precious Death and Sacrifice until His coming again.

Bread and Wine, as the Lord hath commanded, are blessed and consecrated by His priest to become His Body and Blood.

The Sacrifice of the Cross is set forth and pleaded before the Blessed Trinity in a Holy Mystery, and Christ offers Himself at the hands of His priest, the divinely appointed representative of the body of the faithful assisting, as a Perfect Oblation and Satisfaction for the sins of the whole world.

The Holy Eucharist is the Christian's supreme act of self-dedication in the Christian Fellowship through Christ to the Father. It is also the Church's most powerful act of intercession.

BEFORE THE SERVICE.*The Direction of the Intention.*

+IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Accept, O Holy Trinity, One God, the Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which I desire to offer Thee this day in union with the Sacrifice which He offered once for all upon the cross, and now presents in heaven. I desire to offer it:

- (1). To the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name,
- (2). In commemoration of the passion and death of our Saviour Christ, and,
- (3). In thanksgiving for all Thy benefits (esp. . . .),
- (4). For the pardon of all my sins, and the sins of all the faithful, living and departed;
- (5). Lastly, I desire to offer it for.....
(here mention your special intention).

I beseech Thee to accept this Holy Sacrifice, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



THE PREPARATION

I will go unto the Altar of God.

THE LORD'S SERVICE.

As the priest approaches the altar the following hymn may be sung:

1.

Blessed Jesus, Holy Saviour,
Thou hast bought us for Thine own,
We will worship and adore Thee,
Gathered round Thine Altar throne.

2.

We will praise Thee for Thy mercy
Which once brought Thee down from heaven,
To endure the Cross and Passion,
That our sins might be forgiven.

3.

Though in glory Thou art reigning,
Far beyond the starry sphere;
Yet we know that by Thy Spirit,
Thou art ever with us here.

4.

Here upon Thy holy Altar,
Where the tapers brightly shine,
Thou, as God and Man art present,
Under forms of Bread and Wine.

5.

Praise to Thee, Eternal Father,
Praise to Thee, Eternal Son.
Praise to Thee, Eternal Spirit,
Who with Both, art ever One. *Amen.*

All kneeling the Priest says:

Our Father, Who are in heaven, etc.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires, etc.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

OR,

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW.

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Then is said or sung:

THE KYRIE.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Priest goes to the south side of the altar and says:

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

AND

THE EPISTLE.

All stand and sing, as the Priest goes to the north side of the Altar:

THY Gospel, Jesus, we believe,
 And for Thy help we pray,
 That we, in thought, and word, and deed,
 Thy Gospel may obey.



THE EPISTLE.

THE HOLY GOSPEL.

When the Gospel is given out:

GLORY be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

PRAISE be to Thee, O Christ.

THE CREED.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven.

Here kneel in honour of our Lord's becoming Man.

And was Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made Man.

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the \dagger Life of the world to come. *Amen.*



THE HOLY GOSPEL.

THE OFFERTORY.

This part of the Service is called the Offertory. (1) Because it is the offering of bread and wine. (2) Because it is the custom for the congregation to make an offering here to God. On the Altar there is a small plate called the Paten: on this are placed breads made of the best and purest wheat. The priest then takes with him to the side of the Altar a cup called the Chalice. He pours some wine into the Chalice, and mixes a few drops of water with the wine, because there was water mixed with the wine at the Institution of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Then the priest goes to the middle of the Altar and offers the bread and wine to God, because by the power of God they are to become verily and indeed the Body and Blood of Christ. Then the priest washes his hands before proceeding with the service. This is called the Lavabo.

During the Offertory this hymn may be sung:

I.

WE offer gifts of bread and wine
To Thee, O God, most high.
Send down on them the Holy Ghost,
Descending from the sky.

2.

To make this offered bread to be
The Body of the Lord;
The wine within the sacred cup
To be the blood adored.



THE OFFERTORY.

3.

O may Thy Holy Church on Earth
With every grace be blessed,
And so may all the faithful dead
Obtain eternal rest.

4.

Before Thy Throne, blest Trinity,
Our Saviour's death we plead,
That Thou wilt of Thy mercy's sake,
Supply our every need. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH MILITANT.

The Priest says (all kneeling):

LET us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully *to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.* We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word,

and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Priest turns and says:

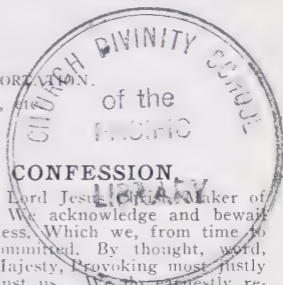
THE EXHORTATION.

YE who do truly and earnestly, etc.

All join in saying:

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed. By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Then the Priest, standing and turning to the people, says:

THE ABSOLUTION.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS.

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi, 28.*

So God loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John iii, 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i, 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *St. John ii, 1, 2.*

SURSUM CORDA.

LIFT up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

THE PREFACE.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, [Holy Father,] Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here follows the Proper Preface if there be one.

THEREFORE, with Angels and Archangels, etc.

THE SANCTUS.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, etc.

THE BENEDICTUS.

BLESSED is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

Or this hymn:

1.

CHRIST JESUS is coming
In love to His throne,
Christ Jesus is coming
To visit His own.
The angels attending
Keep guard round their King,
Who now is descending
His mercy to bring.

2.

Blest be He Who cometh
In the Name of the Lord,
Our King and our Saviour,
Our Food and Reward.
Here where Thou art nighest
We bend on the knee,
And sing in the highest,
Hosanna to Thee.—*Amen.*

Prepare yourself very reverently now to enter into the Great Mystery of our Blessed Lord's Coming in the Blessed Sacrament.

THE CANON.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

FOR, in the night in which He was betrayed, He took Bread; and, when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat,

This is My Body which is given for you:

Do this in remembrance of Me.

LIKEWISE after supper, He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this:

For this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins:

Do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of Me. *Amen.*

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion



THE CONSECRATION.

and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Here silently worship our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, and offer Him your whole life, body, heart, mind, and will.

THE AGNUS DEI.

O LAMB OF GOD: That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God: That takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Or this hymn:

I WORSHIP Thee, Lord Jesus,
As children did of old,
Who sang within Thy Temple,
Hosannas manifold.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesus,
Who on Thine Altar laid,
In this most awful Service
Our Food and Drink art made.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesus,
Who in Thy Love divine,
Art hiding here Thy Godhead
In Form of Bread and Wine.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesus,
And kneeling unto Thee,
As Thou didst come to Mary
I pray Thee, come to me.

I worship Thee, Lord Jesus.
My King and Saviour mild.
Thou hast blest other children,
Bless also me, Thy child. *Amen.*

Now, the communion ended, offer up your special intention as you say with the Priest,

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

THE THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, etc.

Stand and sing:

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Or this hymn:

JESUS, gentlest Saviour,
God of Might and Power,
Thou Thyself art dwelling
With us at this hour.

Nature cannot hold Thee,
Heaven is all too straight,
For Thine endless Glory
And Thy Royal State.

Out beyond the shining
Of the farthest star,
Thou art ever stretching
Infinitely far.

Yet the hearts of children
Hold what worlds cannot,
And the God of Wonders
Loves the lowly spot.

Jesu, gentlest Saviour,
Thou art with us now;
Fill us full of goodness
Till our hearts o'erflow.

Multiply our Graces,
Chiefly Love and Fear,
And dear Lord, the chiefest,
Grace to persevere."

Oh, how can we thank Thee
For a gift like this,
Gift that truly maketh
Heaven's eternal bliss. *Amen.*



THE BLESSING.

THE BLESSING.

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And + the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

While the priest is saying the Last Gospel (the Gospel for Christmas Day), sing as an act of thanksgiving:

ERE we leave Thine Altar, Lord,
Where Thy Son we have adorned,
Let our thanks again arise
For this Holy Sacrifice.

And if thoughts have entered in,
Which have mixed our prayers with sin,
Let Thy Son's pure Blood and grace,
All the sinfulness efface.

Good it is to worship here!
Soon, may that bright day appear
When Thy glory we shall see,
And unhindered worship Thee. *Amen.*

PRAISED, Blessed, and Adored be Jesus Christ in His throne of Glory in Heaven, and in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!

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